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1. AFTER ALMOST DAILY CALLS, EMBASSY FINALLY REACHED
MFA FIRST AFRICAN DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF (ZOLOTOV) TO RAISE
PROPOSED NOVEMBER 24-29 VISIT BY AMB. WITTMAN AND MR. KENNEY.
(OUR THIRD AFRICAN DIVISION CONTACT ASTAFYEV HAS STILL NOT
RETURNED OUR CALLS.)

2. ZOLOTOV, AS REPORTED REF B, SAID HIS CHIEF SHVEDOV
WOULD BE BUSY IN NOVEMBER. HE IS NOT IN COUNTRY NOW AND
IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL SOME TIME NEXT MONTH.
IN SHVEDOV'S ABSENCE ZOLOTOV SAID HE COULD NOT DISCUSS
VISIT. HE MADE CLEAR THAT SHVEDOV IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL
IN ARRANGING VISIT AND SAID HE WILL CONTACT US WHEN SHVEDOV
RETURNS.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT
MFA WILL BE AMMENABLE TO VISIT IN NOVEMBER 24-29 TIME FRAME.
ZOLOTOV CONTINUED TO INDICATE, HOWEVER, MFA'S INTEREST IN
VISIT; AND SOLODOVNIKOV (DIRECTOR AFRICAN INSTITUTE) HAS
TOLD US HE WOULD WELCOME VISITORS ANY TIME.
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